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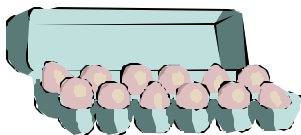
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were sharply higher to occasionally unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good, and best where widespread feature activity was in progress. Supplies were generally adequate to close on all sizes. On the West Coast, offerings remained light. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate and demand was mixed from fairly good to good at times. Light type fowl were adequate to ample for processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 3.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 4.5 cents higher for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 6 cents higher on extra large and medium and unchanged to 5 cents higher on large, when based on previous week average prices. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Demand was fair to good, mostly good, best into feature activity. Supplies were generally adequate on all sizes.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Demand ranged light to good, mostly good, best where featured. Supplies on all sizes were generally adequate.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were up 9 to 10 cents for the larger sizes, 6 cents for mediums, and were unchanged for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to mostly good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was good to very good. Supplies were adequate to close for all sizes. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate and were being held with confidence. Demand was mixed, mostly fairly good to at times good. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. The trade sentiment was unsettled.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, mostly moderate, best where limited features are planned or in progress. Supplies generally adequate for all sizes.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta prices were sharply higher. In Florida, prices were sharply higher on medium and larger sizes. Prices were unchanged elsewhere. The market tone ranged fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good entering the week. Supplies were about adequate at current price levels. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending July 21, 2000 was 55.45 cents, unchanged from the week before, but 11.52 cents less than the same week last year.

WESTERN Prices 10 cents higher on all sizes in California; 9 cents higher on the large sizes, 7 cents higher on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with both California and Oregon-Washington-Utah unchanged. Retailer demand good. Offerings light.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	98-100	89-91	63-65
New York	66-68	63-66	48-51
Philadelphia	61.5-66	59.5-64	44.5-48
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	58-59	56.5-58	39-40
Jackson (1)	68-69	65-66	48-49
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	68-78	62-76	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	56-61	55-60	40-45
Detroit (2)	44-47	43-46	30-33
Major Ohio Cities (2)	45-51	44-49	31-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	48-55	46-53	34-41
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	73-77	69-72	52-54
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	94	85	73
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 10 cents higher on all sizes. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings light. Small invoice price 53. Ads in Northern California: major - large dozen 79-119, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

CORRECTION- JUMBO INVOICE PRICE FOR 7/18-21 SHOULD HAVE READ 105 INSTEAD OF 104 AS SENT
PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	115		
EXTRA LARGE	94		
LARGE	85		
MEDIUM	73		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	209-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	189-229
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-179

NOTICE

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES
NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were about adequate and confidently held at this call. Demand continued mixed, mostly fairly good to instances good. Many breakers were closely watching current market developments. Floor stocks about adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment unsettled.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED,
 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET
 WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE MOSTLY

NEST RUN 31-34 32-34
 CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 17-20
 CENTRAL STATES AREA:
 AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light to no better than moderate with live offerings fully adequate for needs. Finished sales were fair with production sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
 SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-JUL-00

**RANGE MAJORITY WTD
 AVG**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 5-12 6-9 7.24

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority trading was unchanged to slightly lower than a week earlier. Demand was light and unaggressive for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were at least normal to heavy. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
 SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-JUL-00

**RANGE MAJORITY WTD
 AVG**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 3-14 3-7 5.66

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
 FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM July 24,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
 (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.5	11.1	4.3	8.0	9.1	42.0
	Change	1.9	-2.8	0.4	0.5	0.0	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.9	29.8	8.2	22.9	16.8	98.6
	Change	-0.2	-8.6	-0.1	1.1	0.0	-7%
Large	Curr Wk	37.7	65.1	34.5	52.0	69.4	258.7
	Change	3.3	-18.7	-0.3	0.2	1.0	-5%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.3	24.5	15.5	22.1	23.3	93.7
	Change	-2.1	-0.6	3.9	0.4	2.8	5%
Small	Curr Wk	6.1	8.2	2.9	7.5	6.8	31.5
	Change	0.5	-1.7	0.9	1.2	0.5	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.8	19.7	7.0	10.4	6.2	48.1
	Change	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	-0.4	0.6	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.7	56.7	17.4	30.1	34.5	161.4
	Change	-4.9	1.4	-0.2	-7.4	-4.3	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	110.0	215.1	89.8	153.0	166.1	734.0
Percent	Change	-1%	-13%	5%	-3%	0%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	734.0	-4%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	433.5	-11%	39
Total Shell Egg	1167.5	-7%	209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of **170** cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2000

GRADE A XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL
 169 165.9 156.9 109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 10, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL
 132 132 122 77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 21, 2000

CURRENT LOADS							11.50	FUTURE LOADS							22.00	TOTAL LOADS							33.50
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	47.00	—	11.00	GNR W 1	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.00						
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.25	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	59.13	4.00							
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	48.50	—	6.75	GL W MD	34.00	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	3.00							
GL W SM	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	—	.50	NRBS - 36	17.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	36.00	37.00	4.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	21.25	1.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/15-21/00

CURRENT LOADS								104.00	FUTURE LOADS								80.25	TOTAL LOADS								184.25
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST											
GNR W 1	—	45.45	37.75	39.00	47.00	—	50.00		GNR W 1	—	46.50	—	—	—	—	—	37.00									
GNR W 2	—	41.50	—	—	38.63	41.50	6.00		GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	50.50	1.00										
GNR W 3	—	33.00	—	—	29.00	—	1.00		GL W XL	—	54.00	—	57.00	—	59.00	3.50										
GNR W 4	25.00	—	—	28.00	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	53.50	—	57.56	13.00										
GNR BR 1	—	50.00	42.00	40.50	—	—	3.00		GL W MD	33.40	34.00	—	—	—	40.17	13.00										
GL W XL	—	52.33	44.33	48.00	47.33	48.00	24.75		GL W SM	20.00	22.50	—	—	25.00	27.00	3.00										
GL W LG	—	51.22	41.67	42.00	47.88	—	29.00		NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00										
GL W MD	26.00	—	25.67	27.33	30.45	31.18	11.00		NRBS - 36	17.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00										
GL W SM	—	23.00	18.67	20.50	—	23.00	5.00																			
NRBS - 50	—	—	29.00	31.00	—	—	.50																			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.06	34.70	18.00																			
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	30.00	31.50	1.00																			
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00																			
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00																			
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	21.25	1.00																			

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 07/09/00 - 07/15/00**Origin**

State	AR	CA	CO	IA	MN	MO	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	900	906	0	2,330	0	1,806	0	3,160	0	1,680	0	0	10,782
C. CA	0	0	0	812	0	0	0	7,260	0	4,550	660	0	13,282
S. CA	6,578	0	2,730	11,199	3,276	0	1,550	0	2,460	5,845	0	900	34,538
TTL STATE	7,478	906	2,730	14,341	3,276	1,806	1,550	10,420	2,460	12,075	660	900	58,602

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
119-122	79-82	70-73	44-47	15-18

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
61-64	52-58	50-55	34-39	22-26

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
36-38	22-24	12-14

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
70.00	53.74	41.26

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	7/17/00	7/11/00	7/20/99
PACIFIC COAST	78	90	250
LOS ANGELES	0	0	224

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR JULY 11, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 7/9/00-7/15/00
30-dozen cases 3,348

Receipts from the mainland: 7/2/00-7/8/00
30-dozen cases 3,540

CHICKENS AND EGGS U.S. egg production totaled 6.80 billion during June 2000, up 1 percent from the 6.74 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.72 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2000 averaged 325 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during June 1999. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,092 eggs, down 1 percent from 2,104 eggs in June 1999. June 2000 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, the same as June 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2000, totaled 325 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 325 million layers consisted of 266 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.72 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2000, averaged 69.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 69.8 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.66 billion eggs during June, up 2 percent from June 1999. The average number of layers during June, at 306 million, was up 1 percent from a year earlier. Individual State estimates are available for the 30 major egg producing States. These States are listed on page 8 of this release and account for approximately 94 percent of the total U.S. egg production. Production for the other States are grouped into an "Other States" category and combined with the 30 States published individually to obtain a U.S. estimate.

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